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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO § 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir,

This is in response to the action mailed August 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A three month extension accompanies this response.

In the claims:

Claim 1 (amended): An aqueous composition for oral use comprising:

- a) an anti-odor and anti-plaque water-insoluble extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*;
- b) a cationic surfactant.

Claim 2 (original): An aqueous composition according to claim 1 having a pH less than about 5.

Claim 3 (amended): A composition according to claim 1 wherein said extract contains an anti-odor and anti-plaque active component selected from the group consisting of glabrin, licochalcones, glycyrrhizic acid, glycyrrhetic acid and other flavonoids and coumarins.

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